GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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6TH UNIT OF FARAKKA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of 6th Unit of 500 MW power NTPC Farakka has not been taken up so far;

(b) if so, whether any proposal in this regard is being contemplated by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : Investment approval for 6th unit of 500 MW (i.e., 1x500 MW under stage- III of Farakka Super Thermal Power Project) was accorded by Government in September, 1989. The implementation of the project was, however, not taken up mainly as a result of lack of demand for power in Eastern Region due to inadequate load growth and weak sub-transmission and distribution system. The project was subsequently examined for implementation with provision for export of power to other regions. The implementation however, could not be taken up as availability of water became uncertain after the implementation of Indo-Bangladesh treaty of December, 1996 on sharing of Ganga water from Farakka barrage.